



Lou Jean Trulove Phillips

September 13, 1934 - April 18, 2018

"Life IS what you make of it. ENJOY every day!"

SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA - Lou Jean Trulove Phillips, 83, died Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at home.

She was born in Young Harris, Georgia; daughter of the late John Trulove and Gladys Miller Trulove Penland. She was preceded in death by her husband and her earthly Valentine for more than forty years, Donald Phillips; an infant daughter, Betty Ann Phillips; and beloved sister, Mary Ann Trulove Sorrells--All of whom she is now reunited with for eternity in Heaven. She was an extraordinary woman. Born during the Depression, she learned to make the most out of every situation and enjoy every day. Having lost her father when she was two, Jean and her sisters followed their mother's footsteps of independence, strength, courage, tenacity, appreciation for family and opportunities she'd had in life, friends, and nature. Most of all, Jean graciously and honestly shared an abundance of wisdom and true, unconditional love. She never complained, never felt sorry for herself no matter what the circumstances, never uttered a bad word about anybody, and took any and all confided secrets to Heaven with her. She was observant and kind beyond measure. She always put others before herself and followed her own motto of "Moan and Groan and Go On." She made the best of everyday.

She was Baptist by faith, Jean exuded true Christian attributes: she was humble, loyal, dependable, hard-working, happy, and calm in the steadfast assurance that Jesus as her Lord and Savior was in control and would lead her through each day and every phase of life here on earth until He was ready to send Angels to carry her Home to Heaven as she assured her loved ones she was ready to "coast on out" of her earthly body into the glorious presence of God and reunite with her husband, her infant daughter, her mother, sister, aunts, grandparents, and other loved ones, and finally meet both her Heavenly Father and her earthly father face to face.

A "ray of God's sunlight" alumni of Tamassee DAR School, Jean credits her years there in

the late forties and early fifties as a treasured trove of experiences and opportunities that built upon the positive foundation for life she learned from her incredible mother. She moved away from South Carolina to become a licensed cosmetologist, marry the "Fascination" of her life, have five daughters, and happily returned to the beautiful foothills of South Carolina to retire from Kendall Company and help others in nursing homes well into her seventies.

In her retirement years, Jean was able to visit with family and gather family histories, stories, and family snapshots through treasured photographs and travels to old home places and family cemeteries. She loved flowers, sewed, created special dolls, and shared family recipes and remedies as well. Through God's grace and her generous wisdom, Jean steadfastly wove many threads of love to create lasting connections among the generations of her beloved family.

She is survived by four daughters, Cindy Smith and husband, Derrill, Debbie Cox and husband, Ken, Kim Phillips, and Chrissy McGuffin and husband, Duane all of Seneca, South Carolina; eight grandchildren, Joanie, Jill Richmond and husband, Matt, Phillip Smith, Ben Tichenor and wife Ashley, Brynn Durham and husband, Derrick, Caroline Smith, Avery McGuffin, and Addi McGuffin; ten great grandchildren, Parker Scruggs, Shaila Smith, Gage Teague, Cooper Porter, Emily Rose Porter, Tanner Allen, Edward Porter, Louvanna Durham, Audrey Ann Porter, and Paxton Tichenor; two sisters, Janice Henson and husband, Doyle and Mary Gladys Taylor; several cousins, a nephew and numerous nieces, their children and grandchildren. All of whom have been blessed with Jean's legacy of "true love!"

Graveside Services and Interment for Lou Jean Trulove Phillips will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Phillips Family Gravesite located on the beautiful mountain top of Temple Hill Memorial Park in Castlewood, Virginia. with Rev. J. Derrill Smith officiating. Pallbearers will be Family and Friends.

On line condolences may be sent to the Phillips family through our website at www.castlewoodfuneralhome.com or to Jean's daughters at any of their respective home in Seneca. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions in her honor to the "Lou Jean Trulove Scholarship Fund" to welcome new students at Tamassee DAR School, P. O. Box 8, Tamassee, South Carolina 29686. Castlewood Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery

Events

Temple Hill Memorial Park
2529 Memorial Drive
Castlewood, VA, 24224

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Graveside Service

11:00AM

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Comments



“ Emmett And Mary Margaret Bailey lit a candle in memory of Lou Jean Trulove Phillips



Emmett and Mary Margaret Bailey - April 21, 2018 at 08:01 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of your passing. Praying for the family doing their time of grief.

Larry Bailey - April 21, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ Tena Musick Dingus sent a virtual gift in memory of Lou Jean Trulove Phillips



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